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REMARKS

Status of the claims

Claims 6, 12-16, 18-23, and 27-35 are pending herein.

Allowed claims 6 and 22 are the only independent claims remaining in the application.

All remaining claims now depend from either claim 6 or claim 22.

Other than the claim from which they depend, new claims 27-35 are the same as claims 12, 14-16, 18-21 and 23. No new matter is added.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b)--Kronfli et al.

Claims 1, 2, 11-14 and 17-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kronfli et al. GB 2271717 (Kronfli). This rejection and its accompanying remarks are respectfully traversed.

Moreover, this rejection is believed to be moot in view of the above claim amendments. It is thus respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)—Pinchuk et al.

Claims 1-5, 11-14, 17-21 and 24-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pinchuk et al. US 2002/0107330 (Pinchuk). This rejection and its accompanying remarks are respectfully traversed.

Moreover, this rejection is believed to be moot in view of the above claim amendments. It is thus respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

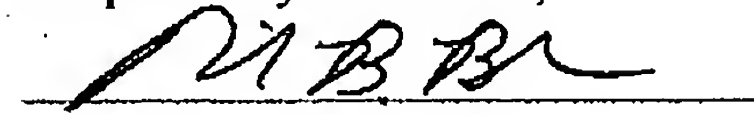
Conclusion

In light of the foregoing remarks, applicants believe that all rejections of record have been obviated, and allowance of this application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes there are still unresolved issues, a telephone call to the undersigned at (703) 433-0510 would be welcomed.

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